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SUBJECT: TRIAL OF AMERICAN MERCENAIRES IN ANGOLA

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1. HOCKE TOLD DEPTOFF MAY 11 THAT ICRC HAS NO INFORMATION ON QUESTIONS RAISED PARA 2 REF B BEYOND THAT REPORTED IN OTTAWAY ARTICLE AND OTHER NEWS REPORTS. ICRC'S CHIEF ANGOLA DELEGATE CEDRIC NEUKOMM (SWISS) IS ABOUT TO RETURN TO LUANDA AFTER SEVERAL DAYS IN GENEVA, AND HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO FIND OUT ALL HE CAN REGARDING "TRIAL".

2. HOCKE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE FRUITLESS AT THIS STAGE FOR ICRC TO MAKE FORMAL APPROACH TO PLA ON THIS SUBJECT. ICRC HAS BEEN TRYING TO DEVELOP WORKING LEVEL CONTACTS IN LUANDA AND HOPES THAT BY KEEPING RELATIVELY LOW PROFILE IT WILL BE IN A POSITION TO ASSIST THE DETAINEES IN DUE COURSE.

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3. REGARDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE "TRIAL," HOCKE SAID IN HIS OPINION "EVEN THE PLA DOES NOT YET KNOW THE ANSWERS TO HOSE QUESTIONS." HE DOUBTED, HOWEVER, FOR EXAMPLE THAT PLA HAS ACTUALLY WORKED OUT THE MEMBERSHIP OR RULES OF PROCEDURES FOR THE "TRIBUNAL." HE HAS LEARNED THAT SOME PROMINENT AFRICANS SUCH AS BASIL DAVIDSON HAD TURNED DOWN REQUESTS TO SERVE ON THE "INTERNATIONAL JURY" THAT HAD BEEN ORIGINALLY ANNOUNCED.

4. HOCKE HOPES TO RECEIVE FURTHER REPORT FROM HIS DELEGATION IN ABOUT A WEEK, WHICH HE PROMISED TO RELAY TO US. IN ADDITION, HE PLANS TO BE IN WASHINGTON MAY 24-25 WITH ECRC EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT GALLOPIN AND WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS ANGOLA SITUATION IN DETAIL WITH DEPTOFFS. ABRAMS

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